

AGENDA: January 4, 2005

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CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Council

TITLE: Resolution of Appreciation to Rosemary Stasek for Her Service to the Community as a Member of the Mountain View City Council

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ROSEMARY STASEK FOR HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL, to be read in title only, further reading waived.

FISCAL IMPACT – None.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2005

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ROSEMARY STASEK FOR HER SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Rosemary Stasek was first elected to serve on the Mountain View City Council in November 1996; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Stasek has served on the Mountain View City Council with distinction for the past eight years, including serving as Mayor in 1999; and

WHEREAS, while on the City Council, Rosemary Stasek's commitment to City initiatives to protect the local environment resulted in the City receiving the designation of "Tree City USA" in recognition of the City's efforts to promote the growth and preservation of its urban forest and the establishment of the Heritage Tree Maintenance Preservation Fund to preserve and protect some tree species as well as trees that have historical or sociological importance to the community; and

WHEREAS, it was during Rosemary's term as Mayor and through her leadership that the City approved a domestic partner benefit program for City employees; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Council, Rosemary Stasek was an advocate for City efforts to increase funding and commitment to youth programs and services, supporting the City's establishment of three youth advisory boards to work with City staff to plan and promote youth activities, expansion of the after-school programming for middle school students, development of youth-oriented facilities such as the Skate Park and Teen Zone at the Mountain View Public Library; the Mayor's Youth Conference and the Youth Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City also made significant progress in expanding and upgrading its park and trail system, approving a new park in the City's Evandale Avenue neighborhood on Devonshire Avenue, extending the Stevens Creek Trail, dedicating a new bicycle/pedestrian trail along the Hetch-Hetchy right-of-way, increasing public open spaces with the opening of Mercy-Bush, Creekside, Chetwood and Magnolia Parks; Cooper, Varsity, Monta Loma and Sylvan Parks were significantly renovated; the renovation of Pioneer Park and the opening of the award-winning joint venture Charleston Park during Rosemary Stasek's two terms on the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Stasek served on the City Council at a time when the City Council took several important steps to meet the need for affordable housing in our community, including the adoption of a below-market-rate housing program, efforts to preserve and improve the City's stock of affordable housing, the approval and groundbreaking of an efficiency studios project to benefit low-income residents and the addition of award-winning transit-oriented housing developments, the update of the Housing Element, the securing of Federal and local funds to purchase and retain hundreds of senior housing units that were at risk of being converted to market-rate housing and support of the Alice Avenue Transitional Home; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Stasek and the City continued to focus on enhancing and building on the City's previous downtown revitalization success during her two terms on the Council and recognized the importance of strengthening and diversifying the City's economic base by serving on the Downtown Committee as it updated the City's Downtown Precise Plan establishing new development and design standards to create a mix of civic, office, commercial and residential uses while maintaining a pedestrian-friendly environment and working closely with local businesses to ensure that they would remain in Mountain View and aggressively encouraging new businesses to locate in the City; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Stasek supported service enhancements such as the introduction of on-line permitting, recycling enhancements and the commencement of a multilingual outreach program; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Stasek has served on the City Council at a time when the City sought out opportunities to partner with organizations in the community on innovative projects that have provided broader community benefits to residents, including the Graham Reservoir and playfields project, and City leases with local agencies, such as Avenidas and the Community School of Music and Arts, to build new facilities and enhance services; and

WHEREAS, during Rosemary Stasek's terms on the Council, the City was enhanced by the construction of the Whisman Station Transit-Oriented Development and a significant number of private development projects; and

WHEREAS, during Rosemary Stasek's terms on the City Council, the City continued developing new and expanding and renovating existing City facilities to serve the needs of Mountain View's residents by renovating and reopening the Adobe Building, approving the design and construction for a new 25,000 square foot Senior Center, opening a new state-of-the-art Library and opening a new Fire Station No. 2; and

WHEREAS, transportation to and from Mountain View was enhanced during Rosemary Stasek's term with improvements to Evelyn Avenue, extension of light rail to Mountain View and the introduction of a Caltrain Baby Bullet stop; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Stasek served as a member of the City Council during the Centennial anniversary of the City in 2002 when the City celebrated with more than 15,000 adults and children at four community-wide events during the year-long celebration and commemorated the event with the opening of Centennial Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Stasek's second term on the City Council will expire on January 4, 2005;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mountain View City Council, on behalf of its members, City staff and the community, does hereby express its deepest appreciation to Rosemary Stasek for her service to the community as a member of the Mountain View City Council.

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